



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 263

LCO No. 1972



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE
PREVENTION RESOURCES FOR VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF
THE ARMED FORCES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2016*) The Commissioner of Mental
2 Health and Addiction Services, in consultation with the Commissioner
3 of Veterans' Affairs, shall (1) conduct a study to identify mental health
4 and suicide prevention programs and services available through
5 various state agencies, community organizations and other nonprofit
6 entities to veterans and members of the armed forces in this state, and
7 (2) make recommendations to any such agency, organization or entity
8 concerning allocation of any available resources of such agency,
9 organization or entity. The commissioners shall report, in accordance
10 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the findings
11 of the study described in subdivision (1) of this section to the joint
12 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
13 matters relating to public health and veterans' and military affairs on
14 or before January 1, 2017.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs to study mental health and suicide prevention programs and services available to veterans and members of the armed forces in this state and make recommendations to state agencies, community organizations and nonprofit entities concerning allocation of resources.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]